

LIV.—*Description of a new Fish of the Genus Barbus from the Niger.* By G. A. BOULENGER, F.R.S.

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Barbus francisci.

Depth of body $3\frac{1}{2}$ times in total length, length of head 4 times. Snout rounded, a little shorter than the eye, which is 3 times in length of head and equals interorbital width; mouth subinferior, small; lips feebly developed; two barbels on each side, anterior $\frac{2}{3}$ diameter of eye, posterior $\frac{3}{4}$. Dorsal III 8, equally distant from anterior border of eye and from caudal, border scarcely concave; last simple ray not enlarged, not serrated, as long as head. Anal III 5, not reaching caudal. Pectoral $\frac{3}{4}$ length of head, not reaching ventral; base of latter below anterior rays of dorsal. Caudal peduncle slightly longer than deep. Scales radiately striated, $23\frac{3\frac{1}{2}}{3\frac{2}{3}}$, $2\frac{1}{2}$ between lateral line and ventral, 12 round caudal peduncle. Silvery, back yellowish olive; dorsal and caudal yellow, blackish at the tips.

Total length 63 mm.

A single specimen from Mutum Biu, 90 miles east of Ibi, S. Nigeria, in a tributary of the Benue River; presented to the British Museum by Mr. Claude Francis.

The Hausa name of this fish is "Dendskuri."

B. perince, Rüpp., from the Nile, is the nearest ally of this new species, which is readily distinguished by the narrower interorbital region and fewer scales in the lateral line.

The collection made by Mr. Francis in the Benue River contains an example, from Ibi, of *Pelmatochromis intermedius*, Blgr., recently described from Sierra Leone.

LV.—*Two new Muridæ from South America.*

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Oxymycterus doris, sp. n.

A dark brown species, with no red either on back or sides. Size fairly large, about as in *O. inca*. Fur rather thin and straight, not shaggy, hairs of back about 11 mm. in